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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S POSITION ON LOS

KUALA LUMPUR 2163

1. SUMMARY: LOSDEL APPRECIATES EMBASSY REPORT ON STATEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL TAN SRI KADIR YUSOF RE TRANSIT OF MALACCA STRAIT. KADIR MADE SUBSTANTIALLY SAME COMMENTS INFORMALLY TO MEMBERS OF USDEL. WE HAVE ARRANGED MEETING WITH HIM TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER NEXT WEEK. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADDITION TO POINTS MADE REFTEL, KADIR REFERRED TO CASE IN WHICH JAPANESE SHIP SAID TO HAVE CAUSED DAMAGE IN STRAITS. HE SAID WHEN GOM SOUGHT COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE THEY WERE REFERRED TO SHIP OWNERS WHO HAD "INSUFFICIENT INSURANCE". ANOTHER SOURCE SAYS PROBLEM WAS INABILITY OF
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GOM TO PROVE DAMAGE. SINCE ISSUE IS RELATED TO KADIR'S

APPARENT INTENTION TO LINK STRICT GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY
FOR DAMAGE TO AGREEMENT ON STRAITS PASSAGE, LOSDEL WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY RELEVANT INFO FROM EMBASSY ON THIS AND OTHER
DAMAGE CLAIM CASES.

3. KADIR ADVISED LOSDEL MEMBERS HE HAD "FULL
PLENIPOTENTIARY POWERS" TO NEGOTIATE ON LOS FOR GOM.
CAN EMBASSY CONFIRM?

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